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SUBJ: AMERICAN THEMES IN CYPRUS MEDIA DURING WEEK SEPT 2-6

1. ANTI-AMERICAN TREATMENT WAS DOWN SLIGHTLY IN CYPRUS GREEK-LANGUAGE MEDIA THIS WEEK. FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF EXTREME RIGHTIST SPYROS PAPAGEORGHIU AS CBC DIRECTOR GENERAL AND RESUMPTION OF POST BY ANDREAS CHRISTOFIDES, RADIO AND TELEVISION COVERAGE OF ANTI-AMERICAN FEATURES IN WORLD PRESS HAS DROPPED CONSIDERABLY. KISSINGER REMARKS AT KUBISCH SWEARING-IN WERE BROADCAST REPEATEDLY. OTHER STORIES FEATURED WERE ACTIVITIES OF KENNEDY REFUGEE SUB-COMMITTEE STAFFDEL, REPORTS OF AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO CUT OFF AID TO TURKEY, AND PURPORTED US/UK PRESSURE ON TURKEY FOR PUBLIC CONCESSIONS TO GET GENEVA TALKS STARTED AGAIN.

2. TONE OF GREEK PRESS HAS ALSO SOFTENED SOMEWHAT WITH CENTRIST (CLERIDES) AGHON NOT GOING OUT OF ITS WAY TO ATTACK US AS IN PAST. LEFTIST NEA AND HARAVGHI CONTINUE SNIPING AT WEKK-WORN NATO IMPERIALISTS AND RIGHIST MACHI, ETHNIKI AND MESIMVRINI CONTINUE

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FEATURE NEWS STORIES THAT POINT UP ANTI-GREEK STANCE OF US, MOST

OF THEM DRAWING ON PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY MAKARIOS, MAVROS AND PAPANDREOU. NEW FOUR-PAGE DAILY RAG "PROTOPOROS" APPEARED SEPT 6 VOICING SUPPORT FOR CLERIDES.

3. EAGLETON STATEMENT ON LEGALITIES OF US AID TO TURKEY AND CONDENSED RESPONSE BY USG SPOKESMAN WERE CARRIED SEPT 6 RADIO BUT HAVE NOT YET DRAWN MUCH ATTENTION IN PRINTED MEDIA.

4. TURK CYPRIOT MEDIA HAS BEEN GENERALLY CRITICAL OF DEHAAN GROUP'S VISIT; POINTING OUT THAT NO SENATE COMMITTEE ATTEMPTED INVESTIGATE PLIGHT TURKISH REFUGEES DURING 1963-74 PERIOD. STAFFDEL COMMITTEE ALSO HIT FOR FAILING VISIT SITES OF ALLEGED ATROCITIES, DESPITE FACT IT AGREED GO BUT TURK CYPRIOT GUIDES LEFT OUT THIS PORTION TRIP. SEVERAL COLUMNISTS HAVE GIVEN US BACK-HANDED PRAISE FOR CHANGING CYPRUS STANCE AFTER INTRODUCING "CIA AGENT GRIVAS" TO FURTHER IMPERIALISTIC ENDS.

5. WE HAVE SEPT 5 DEPT PRESS BREIFING BUT MUST REMIND DEPT THAT WE NEED SPEEDIER REPORTING OF CYPRUS-RELATED STATEMENTS BY US PUBLIC FIGURES AS WELL AS USG RESPONSES (RE NICOSIA 2902). THESE STORIES ARE BEING PICKED UP AND REPLAYED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. CRAWFORD

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